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# EGYPTIANS APPEAL TO IRAQ TO MAKE PEACE

### Late News Bulletins

Canada Loses 75 Men in Ship Sinking

OTTAWA (P).-Naval Minister MacDonald announced late today 75 military personnel had been lost in the sinking

### Virginian Dies in Fall From Scaffold

James W. Richards, 43, of West Falls Church, Va., was fatally injured this afternoon, police said, in a fall from a scaffold at a construction project at Sixteenth and N. Rawls streets, Arlington, Va.

### New York Indictments Charge Milk Price Plot

NEW YORK (P).-A Federal grand jury today indicted Sheffield Farms, Inc.; the Borden Co., four subsidiary concerns and 33 individuals on charges of conspiracy to violate the Sherman anti-trust law and fix milk prices in the metropolitan area. The true bill alleged that the defendants sell 60 per cent of all store-bought milk in the city. Among the individual defendants were L. A. von Bomel, now president of National Dairy Products Corp. and former president of Sheffield, and T. G. Montague, president of the Borden firm.

### \$1,942 Daily Double at Sportsman's Park

CHICAGO (P).-Tall Oak, a 7-year-old gelding owned by Mrs. M. G. Farnsworth of Chicago, was responsible for a \$1,942.80 daily double payoff today at Sportsman's Park. He won the first race, paying \$166 to win, \$131.80 to place and \$31.80 to show. The other half of the winning combination, Sunchia, paid \$6.40 after winning the second race.

### Union Memorial Asked on Temple Heights

Temple Heights at Florida and Connecticut avenues, where there have been proposals for development of an apartment and shopping center, would be acquired by the Government as a site for a memorial building "in commemoration of the sacrifices of the defenders of the Union during the Civil War," under provisions of a bill introduced late today by Representative Izac, Democrat, of California. An appropriation of \$900,000 would be authorized for acquisition of the property, either by purchase or condemnation.

### Crash Kills Army Test Pilot

WICHITA, Kans. (P).-A twin-motored experimental training plane crashed and burned today, killing Maj. George P. Moody, 32, Army test pilot from Maxwell Field, Ala. Witnesses said the plane went into a sideslip about 100 feet up after the take-off, plummeted to earth and burst into flame.

### Maryland Firemen Battle Forest Blaze

Firemen from eight Prince Georges and Montgomery County (Md.) volunteer fire companies and nearly 100 C. C. C. youths this afternoon were battling a forest fire along Powder Mill road between Sitka and Metzerott roads, covering an area of about 300 acres. The fire first broke out yesterday, was extinguished and began again this morning. Several houses in the area were said not to be in danger. A high wind ham-

### U. S. Turns Out 1,427 Planes in April

Military aircraft manufacturers in the United States delivered 1,427 airplanes during April-an increase of 211 over the previous month-it was announced this afternoon by the Office of Production Management. No figures were given on the types of planes nor would officials say how many went to the United States armed services and how many went to

### Richmond U., 6; George Washington, 4

The University of Richmond defeated George Washington, 6-4, in a 10-inning baseball game this afternoon on the

### Contractor's Aide Destroyed Files on Fort Meade, He Says

ehief told Senate investigators today that he destroyed a contract to shall said, that in order to obtain serve as Washington consultant for the Fort Meade contract it would be the Consolidated Engineering Co. necessary to sign an affidavit declarimmediately before the company ob- ing that no one was given a comtained the contract for building a mission for assisting in obtaining eantonment at Fort George G. the work.

R. C. Marshall, jr., who was chief of the Construction Division of the did," Mr. Marshall added. Army prior to 1920 and is now a basket" after J. A. Stalfort, presi- (See DEFENSE PROBE, Page 2-X.)

dent of Consolidated Engineering A one-time Army construction had expressed a desire to cancel it Mr. Stalfort told him, Mr. Mar-

> "He asked me if I would not cancel the contract and I said I would and

Mr. Marshall said in response to retired brigadier general, told the questions that he had destroyed all Senate Committee Investigating the files in connection with the case and contract and "threw it in the waste the creation of the Senate Investi-

### **Nearsight Wins Pimlico 5th** While Form Players Groan

PIMLICO, Md.-The \$5,000 added Jennings Handicap, sixth and feature race on today's card, went to the flying hoofs of Mrs. A. B. Letellier's Handy Tom. In front at the start, he shook off repeated challenges and under a hard drive lasted to withstand the closing bid of Hal Price Headley's Third Covey. Mrs. A. J. Abel's Honey Cloud was a wilting third. The crowd plunged heavily on Cherry Jam, an also

Special Dispatch to The Star. PIMLICO. Md., May 5.-Form players suffered in the fifth race

here today when King Ranch's Frontier Model, odds-on favorite, went down to defeat.

Nearsight, racing for Lazy F.

Ranch, proved the right one. The son of Discovery took command with

Tower Stable's Fettacairn outgamed Frontier Model for the place. The few scattered backers of Nearsight received \$31.00.

Rough Biscuit, under Mora's excellent handling, won the fourth event. The Happy Time-Marlene Narragansett mediocre platers. Three lengths farther back, Talent took second money, while Ebonito gained the short award. Slightly neglected in the betting, Rough Biscuit paid \$16.10.

SEVENTH RACE—Purse. \$1,000: claiming: 4-year-olds and up: 1; miles. Cash O'Boy (W. Cook) 9.60 4.80 3.90 Warring Witch (Vine) \$5.50 4.90 Skating Mad (Sayder) 4.70 Time. 1:47.

Also ran—Lou Hans. Jay Bee Dee, Cuckoo and Lady Roms.

The Draftee Steeplechase, third Churchill Downs The Draftee Steeplechase, third on the program, went to Newell J. Ward, jr.'s, Spy Hill. On top throughtout the 2 miles, Spy Hill Sanak (McCombs) 4.00 3.20 Won easily, defeating S. Bryce Wing's Balk, favorite, by four lengths. Mrs. Winabeau and Vegavius.

Van Lear Black's Strolling On was a distant third. Graceful Boo. Sunbee and Killmalock' fell, but both riders and horses escaped injury.

### Late Races

Earlier results, Rossvan's and other selections and entries for tomorrow on Page 2-X.

### Pimlico

SIXTH RACE—Purse. \$5.000 added: ennings Handicap; 3-year-olds and up: Jennings Handicap; 3-year-olds and up: 6 furlongs.

Handy Tom (Harrell) 9.70 5.90 4.80

Third Covey (Madden) 10.30 6.40

Honey Cloud (Dupps) 4.30

Time. 1:1125.

Also ran—Abrasion, Cherry Jam, Happy

Lark and Clyde Tolson.

### Jamaica

SEVENTH RACE—Purse. \$1,500; elaiming: 3-year-olds and up: 1.5 miles.
Cross Question (Huff) 24.10 7.70 4.30
Lianero (Lindberg) 3.20 2.30
Trapeze Artist (Eccard) 3.60
Time. 1:4735.
Also ran—Brown Bomb and Paul Pry.

## **Indians Beat** Nats, 2 to 1, After Rally

### **Hemsley Singles** In Ninth Inning, Scoring Boudreau

By BURTON HAWKINS, Star Staff Correspondent CLEVELAND, May 5 .- The Cleveland Indians made it 11 straight victories today by defeating the Washington Nationals.

The score was 2 to 1. FIRST INNING. WASHINGTON-Welaj walked. Cramer flied to Heath. Vernon popped to Boudreau. Lewis fanned. CLEVELAND-Weatherly fanned.

Keltner flied to Welaj. Boudreau took a third strike. No runs. Washington, 0; Cleveland, 0. SECOND INNING.

WASHINGTON-Travis took a third strike, it was the first time this season that Travis had struck out. Myer walked on four pitches. West also walked. Ferrell took a third strike. Chase walked, filling the Welaj fanned. No runs. CLEVELAND-Trosky flied to Cramer. Heath was hit in the back by a pitched ball Bell flied to Cramer. Mack popped to Myer. No runs.

Washington, 0; Cleveland, 0. THIRD INNING.

WASHINGTON-Cramer doubled off the right-field fence for the first hit off Feller. Vernon flied deep to Weatherley, Cramer taking third after the catch. Lewis fanned Cramer scored and Travis was safe on Keltner's error of his smash. St. Louis Post Dispatch Bus Strike Conferees Myer popped to Mack. One run. Myer popped to Mack. One run. CLEVELAND-Travis threw out Hemsley. Travis made a spectacular stab of Feller's smash back of second base and threw him out. Weatherly doubled past Vernon. Keltner flied to West. No runs. Washington, 1; Cleveland, 0.

FOURTH INNING. WASHINGTON - West took a third strike. So did Ferrell. Chase

CLEVELAND-Boudreau singled to left. Trosky hit into a doubleplay, Myer to Travis to Vernon. Heath flied to Cramer. No runs. Washington, 1; Cleveland, 0. FIFTH INNING.

WASHINGTON-Welai took a third strike. It was Feller's fourth straight strike out. Cramer singled to Center. Vernon flied to Heath. Lewis walked. Feller knocked down Travis' smash and threw him out. No runs.

CLEVELAND-Bell took a third strike. Mack lined to Cramer. Travis threw out Hemsley. No runs. Washington, 1: Cleveland, 0.

WASHINGTON-Myer walked. West flied to Bell. Ferrell took a third strike for the third straight time. Chase lined to Boudreau. No

CLEVELAND-Travis threw out Feller. Weatherly dropped a single in center. Keltner fouled to Ferrell. Weatherly was out stealing, Ferrell to Travis. No runs.

Washington, 1; Cleveland, 0. SEVENTH INNING. WASHINGTON-Bouldreau went to short left for Welaj's looper. Mack threw out Cramer. Vernon fanned.

CLEVELAND-Boudreau hit home run over the center-field fence tying the score. Trosky singled off Chase's glove. Heath sacrificed. Chase to Myer, who covered first. Bell flied deep to Welaj, and when Travis dropped Welaj's throw to second base, in attempt to catch Trosky for a duoble-play, he was charged with an error. Mack fan-One run.

EIGHTH INNING.

WASHINGTON-Lewis doubled over Weatherly's head, but was out at third attempting to stretch it. Heath to Boudreau to Keltner. Travis lined to Weatherly. Myer walked. CLEVELAND—Hemsley singled to

center. Feller sacrificed, Chase to Myer who covered first. Weatherly fouled to Lewis. Keltner was out Vernon to Chase who covered first.

#### No runs. NINTH INNING.

WASHINGTON-Ferrell flied to Weatherly. Chase tapped in front of the plate and Hemsley tagged him out. Welaj fanned. No runs. CLEVELAND-Boudreau walked. Trosky bunted down the third-base line and both runners were safe on Lewis' low throw to Travis. Heath sacrificed, Lewis to Myer, who covered first. Bell was purposely passed, filling the bases. Mack flied to Cramer in short center field, the runners holding their bases. Hemsley singled to left, scoring Boudreau with the running run. One run.

### Other League Games

AMERICAN LEAGUE. At Chicago-

Philadelphia 000 300 010 01- 5 10 1 Chicago .... 000 200 011 00- 4 12 2 Mack, 2b.... 4 0 0 Batteries McCrabb and Hayee; Smith,

At Detroit-New York... 000 102 000-3 6 1 Detroit .... 7 6 1

Boston at St. Louis-Rain. NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Pittsburgh at Brooklyn-Rain. Chicago at New York-Rain. Cincinnati at Philadelphia-Rain.



BOSTON.-BACK FROM ANTARCTIC-Clay Bailey of Belmont, Mass., chief radio operator of the United States Antarctic Expedition, got a big hug from Mrs. Bailey and friend, Barbara Gregory, aboard the motorship North Star when it docked here today after 11/2 years in South Polar regions. The expedition was the first Government sponsored to the Antarctic in 100 years. (Story on Page 2-X.) -A. P. Wirephoto.

## **Wins Pulitzer Prize** For Smoke Crusade

Pegler Awarded \$1,000 For Expose of Scandals That Convicted Scalise

By the Associated Press. NEW YORK, May 5.—The St Louis Post Dispatch was awarded the \$500 Pulitzer Prize gold medal this afternoon for the most disinterested and meritorious service rendered by an American newspaper

The award was made for the newspaper's successful campaign against the city smoke nuisance.

In place of an individual prize for foreign correspondents the trustees decided that a bronze plaque or scroll be executed to recognize the public services and individual achievements of American news reporters in the war zone. Other awards were:

For distinguished editorial writing during the year, limited to the editorial page, \$500; awarded to Reuben Maury of the New York

Daily News. For a distinguished example of a reporter's work guring the year. \$1,000 awarded to Westbrook Pegler of the New York World-Telegram for his articles on scandals in the ranks of organized labor which led to the exposure and conviction of in the situation. He referred ques-George Scalise.

For a distinguished example of a cartoonist's work published in an American newspaper during the year, \$500, awarded to Jacob Burck of the Chicago Times, "for dis-(See PULITZER, Page 2-X.)

#### One Hurt in Derailment VALPARAISO, Ind., May 5 (AP).

The engineer of an East-bound Pennsylvania Railroad passenger train was injured and a score of passengers shaken up today by the derailment of the engine at a crossover switch 2 miles west of here.

### **Box Score**

West, If ..... 8 0 Ferrell, e .... 4 0 0 5 1 30 1 3 26 12 2

Bell, rf..... 8 0 0 1 Hemsley, c.. 4 0 2 13 0 0 Sox to Start Games Earlier

29 2 727 4 Wash'ton . 001 000 000- 1 Cleveland \_000 000 101- 2 club stated.

At Boston—

St. Louis... 000 111 020— 5 11 0

Boston .... 000 000 010— 1 5 1

Buns batted in—Boudreau. Hemiser, Weatherly, Lewis. Home run—Boudreau.

Sacrifices—Heath (2). Feller.

Double play—Myer, Travis and Vernen.

Lett. on bases—Washington, 9; Cleve-land.

## Fail to Reach Pact After Talks Here

'No Change' Is Reported In Move to End Tie-up of Pennsylvania Greyhound

BULLETIN. Representatives of the Pennsylvania Greyhound bus line were reported late today to have demanded that strikers return to work before they negotiate on the issues which caused the walkout yesterday. Spokesmen for the company left a conference at the Labor Department after two hours and a half late this afternoon. Employe representatives met with Daniel W. Tracy, Assistant Secretary of Labor, and other labor officials. The conferences were to be resumed at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow.

Pennsylvania Greyhound bus strike conferees failed to reach any agreement after a two-hour con-

ference this afternoon Emerging from a Labor Department office at 4:30 p.m., Sam Berrong, a member of the Executive Board of the A. F. L. Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employes. said that there was "no change tions about the outlook for settlement to Dan W. Tracy, Assistant Secretary of Labor, who is meeting with the disputants.

Representatives of strikers and the bus line met together with Mr. officials and then the management while Federal officials discussed the situation with union representatives. After this meeting the Federal officers then conferred separately with Greyhound spokesmen, and this session still was in progress late in the

The strike began yesterday when some 1,400 Pennsylvania Greyhound employes staged a "protest walkout" which tied up traffic on one section of the Greyhound system. The employes are demanding wage increases and a closed shop.

The strike stopped travel from Washington on the Pennsylvania Greyhound lines to New York, Pittsburgh and Scranton. There was no interruption in Greyhound service to other points, since these lines are operated by other subsidiaries of the Greyhound

Regional Supervising Commisthe Conciliation Service called the presdient of the company; Mr. Berrong and Federal Conciliation Comoner John L. Canner were invited to the session.

Mr. Cunningham said he was hopeful of a settlement today or tomorrow, and stated that the Labor Department was urging the men to go back to work while negotiations are in progress. Mr. Sundstrom arrived in Wash-

ington and told reporters this morning that the union had violated a (See BUS STRIKE, Page A-5.)

BOSTON, May 5 (AP).-The Boston Red Sox announced today that beginning Saturday all single games on Saturday at Fenway Park would be started at 2 p.m. (E. S. T.) instead of 2:30. The change was adopted to numerous requests, the

Gordon, New York, 6th inning.

National. Slaughter, St. Louis, 8th inning. West, Boston, 8th inning.

### D. C. Realty Tax Yield Held 67% Of Revenue House Unit Weighed

### That Fact Before **Backing Overton Bill**

(Earlier Story on Page B-1.) By JAMES E. CHINN.

Representative Hunter, Democrat, of Ohio told the House late today the \$1.75 real estate tax here is producing about two-thirds of the general revenues and that the House District Committee took that fact into consideration before approving the Overton bill His statement was intended as an

answer to charges made in the House last Monday by Representative Rees, Republican, of Kansas that the real estate tax in Washington is "far out of line." At that time Mr. Rees introduced a bill to raise the tax rate to \$2.50. Representative Hunter, who as chairman of the Fiscal Affairs Sub-

committee of the District Committee sponsored the Overton plan in the House, declared that Mr. Rees' objections to it were based on "an erroneous assumption that residents of the District are not paying a fair and just proportion of taxes, as compared with the residents of comparable cities elsewhere in the United States."

Randolph Asks Support. Earlier, at a meeting of the full District Committee, Chairman Randolph appealed to the members to give him utmost support in seeking House approval of the Overton bill, which contains a formula for fixing the amount of the annual Federal payment toward municipal expenses. The Overton formula, which is scheduled to be called up in the House next Monday, would fix the Federal share of District expenses on the basis of the ratio of Gov-

ernment-owned acreage here, after certain deductions, to the total land would raise the present lump sum Piercing Bombs Hit Federal payment from \$6,000,000 to approximately \$9,000,000 in the coming fiscal year beginning July 1. Representative Hunter, in his statement to the House, said:

"Mr. Speaker, a few days ago, the gentleman from Kansas, Mr. Rees, offered some objections to H. R. 3490, which includes the Overton formula for determining the annual payment the Federal Government will make toward the expenses of the District of Columbia. List of Cities Challenged.

"The gentleman's objections were based on what our investigations have shown to be an erroneous assumption that residents of the District are not paying a fair and just proportion of taxes, as compared with the residents of comparable cities elsewhere in the United States. "To justify the statements he

quoted real estate tax rates in 22 cities. A few of these cities may rightfully have been called comparable cities, but it is difficult to picture Sioux City, Iowa; Phoenix, Ariz.; Cumberland, Md.; Topeka. Kans.; Fargo, N. Dak., and some of the other cities on that list as comparable cities

Methods of Valuation Considered. "The gentleman from Kansas," he continued, also did not take into consideration a fact that is known to every real estate operator in the country; namely, that a real estate tax rate means very little unless methods of valuation are taken into consideration. In one area, real estate may be assessed for taxation purposes at 50 per cent of actual selling price. In another, it may be assessed at 75 per cent of market value. In the District, it happens to assessed for taxation purposes at slightly more than 100 per cent of actual sales or market value. Your committee on the District

of Columbia did not approve the Overton formula blindly. One of its steps was to secure a study of the (See OVERTON, Page 2-X.)

### Markets at a Glance

NEW YORK, May 5 (A) .-Stocks irregular; carriers resistant. Bonds steady; rails resume advance. Foreign exchange quiet; Argentine peso advances

Cotton irregular; mill buying, profit-taking and hedging. Sugar higher; active and strong raw market. Metals steady: operations higher. Wool tops firm; trade and local buying. CHICAGO. - Wheat weak;

profit-taking cuts early gain. Corn firm; good shipping business. Hogs active; fully steady; top, \$8.80. Cattle, yearling steers and light cattle strong. Nazis Decree Rules for Credit

will need at least an acceptable

witness or a photograph in the fu-

ture to obtain credit for destroying

The new system for determining

the number of planes downed and

the number of planes and ships de-

stroyed was ordered by Reich

Marshal Hermann Wilhelm Goering

The order includes these points:

within German lines or in the home

When a British plane is shot down

as destroyed only when they are of the war.

chief of the air force.

will be given.

To Flyers for War Successes

BERLIN, May 5.—German pilots they cannot be used further.

### New Zealanders' Chief Named to Crete Command



MAJ. GEN. B. C. FREYBURG.

By the Associated Press. CANEA, Crete, May 5.-Maj. Gen. B. C. Freyburg, V. C. commander in chief of the New Zealand Expe- undeclared war with Great Britditionary Force, has been appointed ain was made today by the Egypcommander in chief of Allied forces

on the Island of Crete. The appointment was disclosed in cabinet meeting. an order of the day addressed to all officers and ranks in Crete by Egyptian government said it was Emmanuel Tsouderos, Greek Prime | made by one country of the Arabic-Minister and Minister of War.

The island city of Canea has been the democracies. George II of Greece and his minis- Turkish government made a similar ters since the German advance on appeal to Baghdad. Athens forced them to flee their mainland capital to avoid falling into Nazi hands. The government were carried out by the British from is sworn to carry on resistance from Habbaniyah airdrome against at-

The announcement coincides with a British announcement from Cairo that four German warplanes have been shot down in sky battles over Crete and others by anti-aircraft support and money furnished before be the target of intensive Nazi at- in Iraq for the forces of Premier

## German Battleships, **British Claim**

Heaviest Missiles Said To Have Fallen on Drydock at Brest (Earlier Story on Page A-2.)

LONDON, May 5 .- Heavy armorpiercing bombs scored direct hits on day. It was the 15th R. A. F. as- engineers and native laborers was

"Sticks of the heaviest bombs also fell repeatedly across the drydock To Leaflets, Iragis Say which one of the vessels is perthed." the ministry's news service

account said flames and smoke were observed on and about the jetty where the other

It added that the two battleships sought shelter in Brest to refuel and take on ammunition after their last Atlantic raids in March. That is a 24-hour job, the ministry said, and the presence of the big warships "after five weeks suggests

either that by coincidence they each

developed some grave defect while at sea or, what is far more probable. Brest proved a very poor shelter from persistent bombing by the R. "If of late there has been a cer

tain sense of monotony in the report of attacks on Brest, it may safely be said the monotony is fully shared by

### High Explosive Bombs Are Dropped in Eire

DUBLIN, May 5.—A plane of un- the forces of Premier Raschid Ali dentified nationality dropped high had occupied Rutba, an important explosive bombs at Carlhage Hill. County Donegal, early this moring, shattering windows throughout the

neighborhood. Explosives last were dropped on County Donegal on March 12, near Carndonagh and Innishowen. That Eire government protested to Germany over the attacks.

burned, sunk or damaged so that

A pilot's request for recognition

of destruction of British material

1. Filling out a form containing

more than 20 questions and naming

Report of the witness.

5. A report from a superior of-

Witnesses should not belong to

the crew of the plane making the

will consist of five parts:

Report of the fight.

the witness.

A sketch.

claim for recognition.

## **Turks Declared** Also to Have Sent Plea

THREE CENTS.

### Threat of Reprisal **Bombing of British** Homes Reported

BULLETIN.

LONDON, May 5 (AP).-Britain demanded the wtihdrawal of Iraq troops from their positions around Habbaniyah airdrome as "an essential prerequisite of entering into any negotiation" with Rashed Ali's government, an authorized statement said tonight.

### (Earlier Story on Page A-1.)

CAIRO, Egypt, May 5.—An appeal to the Iraq government to seek peaceful settlement of its tian government, after a long

In announcing the appeal, the speaking world to another because the Arabs as a whole were close to the headquarters of Greek King Informed sources here said the

A Near East communique tonight said "successful infantry patrols"

#### tacking forces last night No Nazi Aid Has Arrived.

British quarters said that so far no German aid other than moral fire, indicating that the island may the trouble started had shown up Raschid Ali Al Gailani. The view was expressed that the

> of the Iraq population, with many tribesmen still waiting to see which side is going to come out on top. Some Shiite leaders in the Basra region, who usually have been in opposition to the dominant groups

desire for strife with the British was

at Baghdad, are supporting the British, it was said. The British were said to be solidly installed at Basra, at the head of he Persian Gulf where the British established their base in the World War for an eventual thrust which went to Baghdad and beyond. The vital Mosul oil region was reported quiet, and the British said they had

no reason to believe that the Iraqis had damaged the oil fields It was admitted, however, that hostile Iraq forces are holding the particularly at Rutba where an unarmed construction party of British

### captured. Announcement Is Reply

LONDON, May 5 (A).-The Ankara radio reported today that Iraq "Many bursts accompanied by broadcasts were threatening the bombing of British residential quarters if the British bomb Baghdad,

The Iraq announcer stated that

it was a reply to British leaflet raids in which the Baghdad population was warned to stop supporting the government of Premier Raschid Ali Al Gailani or the British would deliver an air attack. (The German radio said the British bombed Baghdad yester-

day morning, but this may have been a reference to the bombing (In Cairo the British Near East command announced that most of Irag's air force had already

been destroyed.) Shut-Off Confirmed. Virtual confirmation of reports hat the Iragis have succeeded in cutting Britain's fuel line to the Mediterranean from the Iraq oil fields, meanwhile, was contained in a communique which admitted that

station on the pipe line. The communique said the natives attacked an unarmed British construction party in the vicinity on

May 2 and occupied the post. The greater part of the Iraq air force, however, was said to have incident was the first since Dublin been destroyed by British bombing and nearby areas were raided Jan- of air bases and in air fights, while uary 2-3, when three persons were Iraq artillery, which has been shellkilled and 12 injured. The neutral ing Habbaniyah airdrome, was declared almost silenced by persistent British air attacks.

> Very few casualties have resulted from the shelling of the air base. 50 miles west of Baghdad, the comnunique said.

### Pepper Arrives To Talk, Finds Senators Gone

(Earlier Story on Page A-3.) Senator Pepper. Democrat. of Florida burst into the Senate chamber, hat in hand, today to make a speech on the convoy question, but

the Senate wasn't there. Its business transacted, the chamber had recessed several minutes

Pepper told reporters he had been detained on business for the State Strictly accurate reports in this of Florida at one of the executive area the remains of the plane must respect are needed, it was said, to departments. He said he would be found on the ground before credit provide a basis for judgment of the make his speech later. situation, for the award of medals Friends said he would advocate

Somewhat out of breath, Senator

Planes and ships will be regarded and to guarantee a truthful history the convoying of munitions to Britain.